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SUBJECT: MOVEMENT CHIEFS APPEAL FOR THE WHITES TO STAY IN ANGOLA

1. IN SEPARATE SPEECHES OVER A THREE DAY PERIOD, NETO, ROBERTO AND SAVIMBI HAVE ALL APPEALED FOR AN END TO THE HEMORRHAGE OF WHITES FROM ANGOLA AND FOR THE WHITES TO RETURN TO MAKE A BETTER ANGOLA.

2. IN ADDITION THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING A DRAFT LAW REGULATING THE STATUS AND BENEFITS OF PORTUGUESE CIVIL SERVANTS WHO DECIDE TO STAY IN ANGOLA BUT WHO DO NOT OPT FOR ANGOLAN CITIZENSHIP. THE LAW WOULD GUARANTEE THEM ALL OF THEIR PRESENT RIGHTS, PAY AND BENEFITS, INCLUDING RETIREMENT, IF THEY MOVE OVER TO THE ANGOLAN CIVIL SERVICE. MOST IMPORTANT, IT ALSO STATES THEY MAY TRANSFER UP TO TWO-THIRDS OF THEIR PAY INTO PORTUGUESE ESCUDOS.

3. PORTUGUESE TO WHOM WE'VE SPOKEN ARE NOT CONVINCED BY THE STATEMENTS OF THE THREE LIBERATION GROUP PRESIDENTS. THE
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FLEEING WHITES WANT MORE TANGIBLE GUARANTEES OF THEIR

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PERSONAL SAFETY AND THEIR ABILITY TO TRANSFER MOST OF THEIR PAY
TO PORTUGAL. IF THE DRAFT LAW IS ADOPTED AND MODIFIED FOR
MOREHGENERAL APPLICATION, FINANCIAL UNCERTAINTY WILL BE
REDUCED AND MANY WHITES WHO NOW DREAD RETURNING TO UNEMPLOYMENT
IN PORTUGAL MAY DECIDE TO REMAIN ON HERE AND HOPE TO
SURVIVE THE PHYSICAL DANGER.
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